

CHAIR OF MUSLIM CULTURAL & RELIGIOUS HISTORY

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Chair of Muslim Cultural & Religious History at the University of Erfurt is pleased to announce

the 16th International Summer School MUSLIMS IN THE WEST: REFORM AND REFORMATION

which will take place from **12–25 August 2018** at the University of Erfurt.

Fifteen young scholars from countries with significant Muslim populations will participate in this cultural encounter together with students from the University of Erfurt. Ever since its involvement in the academic activity of “Dialogue with Islam,” initiated by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) in 2002, the University of Erfurt has been keenly engaged in the increasingly socio-politically relevant debates on “Islam and the West.” In this context, the Summer School, financially supported by the DAAD, contributes to fostering mutual respect and understanding as well as to creating enduring bases for inter-cultural and inter-religious dialogue.

This year, the Summer School focuses on the issue of reform and reformation and centers around the theme of Muslims/Islam in Western contexts. One year after the commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, it scrutinizes the phenomenon of religious renewal in world religions, specifically in Islam, Christianity and Judaism. Reformist faith-based movements within these religious traditions are examined and their commonalities, differences and mutual influence are reflected upon and critically analyzed. The multifaceted, historical panorama resulting from such comparative study is supplemented by, and put into the context of, contemporary issues and discussions in the Euro-American space such as Muslim integration, fundamentalism, human rights, and religious education.

The educational part of the Summer School will be accompanied by a rich cultural program. It includes visiting the places of worship of different faiths and meeting with their members, a two-day trip to Berlin, and an excursion to Wartburg, the symbol of the Reformation in Germany. Please visit our homepage for further information and regular updates on the schedule (www.uni-erfurt.de/summerschool).

Participants receive a grant covering part of their travel and accommodation expenses. Besides a careful reading of selected texts in advance, each participant is expected to actively take part in and contribute to the workshops. The working language is English, and applicants must be under the age of 27 and have graduated with a BA prior to the start of the Summer School.

To begin the application process, please fill out and submit the application form, found at the link above, along with a CV and a 400-word statement of motivation. All application documents should be submitted in English and must be received no later than **30 March 2018**.

Once the selection process is complete, the chosen participants will be given further instructions.